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1. AMB DISCUSSED SUBJ WITH FONMIN VASQUEZ PER REFTEL. VASQUEZ SAID HE FULLY AGREED WITH OUR SUGGESTIONS RE AGENDA FOR JUNE MEETING AND WOULD SUPPORT US. HE OBSERVED SOMEWHAT WRYLY THAT NOW WAS NOT THE TIME TO DECIDE "DOCTRINAL MATTERS".

2. THE MINISTER THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO DECIDE WHICH NON-CHARTER REFORMS WERE THE MOST IMPORTANT. HE RECOMMENDED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AS PRIORITY ONES IN THIS CATEGORY:

A) REFORM OF CIAP. VASQUEZ SAID THE NAME OF CIAP SHOULD BE CHANGED AND IT SHOULD BE CONVERTED INTO A TECHNICAL, PLANNING ARM WHICH COULD, FOR EXAMPLE, STUDY REGION WIDE PROBLEMS SUCH AS MONETARY POLICIES, ENERGY, COMMODITY PROBLEMS, AND DEVISE REGIONAL COURSES OF ACTION. THE FUNCTION OF COUNTRY REVIEWS SHOULD BE DROPPED BECAUSE IT IS NOW MEANINGLESS AND SERVES NO PURPOSE. NO ONE REALLY PAYS ATTENTION TO THEM ANYMORE. THE TIME HAS COME, HE SAID, FOR THE US TO DROP THESE "FICTIONS". A RESTRUCTURED CIAP ALONG THE LINES HE PROPOSES MIGHT ALSO BE THE ENTITY THAT WOULD LINK INTO THE UN ACTIVITY IN THE SAME AREAS.

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B) REFORM OF CIES: BESIDES SOME ADMINISTRATIVE STREAMLINING, VASQUEZ SUGGESTED THAT CIES BE THE PRIME BODY FOR CONSULTATIONS. DESPITE THE EXISTENCE OF CECON, CIES COULD BE ITS GUIDE WITH REFERENCE TO BROAD PRINCIPLES AND PERFORM ON A CONTINUING BASIS, IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FIELD, WHAT THE MFM'S WOULD DO. CECON WOULD BE THE MORE TECHNICAL CONSULTATIVE GROUP.

C) ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS RELATING TO SECRETARY GENERAL AND COUNCIL. VASQUEZ SAID THE SECRETARY GENERAL SHOULD BE MORE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL, AND SHOULD IN FACT REPORT TO IT. HE FELT THAT MUCH OF THE IRRITATION SHOWN TOWARD GALO PLAZA WAS DUE TO THE FACT REPRESENTATIVES FELT HE WAS TOO INDEPENDENT AND REMOTE A FIGURE WITH NO CONTROL OR CHECK ON HIM.

2. VASQUEZ AGAIN SAID THAT HE WOULD PROVIDE US WITH HIS THOUGHTS IN WRITING SO THAT HE COULD ELABORATE AND DEVELOP THEM.
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